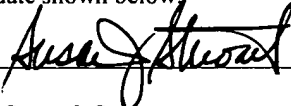


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Serial No.: 10/035681) Group Art Unit: 3673
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING)
PLURAL FLOW PATHS AT A LATERAL)
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:


Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) to
grant a ONE MONTH extension of time in which to file a Response to the Official Action
mailed February 1, 2002, for which response was due on April 1, 2002, the one month extension
being to May 1, 2002.

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0457 for the \$110.00 fee for obtaining the extension of time and any other fees necessitated by this petition. A fee transmittal form is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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